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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DOLD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DOLD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches from each side of the aisle.

POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans across the country know the benefits of evidence-driven mental health care; yet, our national mental health system has been harmed after years of bad policy.

Yesterday The Wall Street Journal stated, "As it happens, this month a House subcommittee passed one of the more consequential bills of this Republican majority—the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act. Recent mass killers have nearly all had some kind of mental illness; yet, few receive proper treatment. Representative TIM MURPHY spent more than a year investigating dysfunction and writing an overhaul."

I am grateful to be a cosponsor of the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act developed by a dedicated professional, TIM MURPHY. This legislation helps States to modernize involuntary commitment laws and encourages assisted outpatient treatment for patients to remain active in their communities.

This legislation determines funding based on evidence-based care, putting critical resources into programs we know work, not into vague or untested theories. As the former president of the Mid-Carolina Mental Health Association myself, I appreciate this reform.

In conclusion, God bless our troops. May the President by his actions never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

THE POLICE TRAINING AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW ACT

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the shocking video from Chicago showing the brutal shooting of Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to pass H.R. 2302, the Police Training and Independent Review Act.

Congressman LACY CLAY and I introduced this bill earlier this year to stop local prosecutors from being tasked with investigating and prosecuting the same local police with whom they work so closely.

This is an inherent conflict of interest. What happened in Chicago is just the latest evidence that it needs to end.

If enacted, the Police Training and Independent Review Act would condition the receipt of full Byrne-JAG funding on States adopting laws to require independent investigation and, if necessary, prosecution of law enforcement officers in cases involving the use of deadly force.

If we are serious about restoring a sense of fairness and justice, we need to pass this bill and remove this conflict.

Law enforcement, police, and sheriffs have a tough job, a dangerous job, and they bring cases to DAs and serve as witnesses. This hand-in-glove relationship shouldn't be upset, but it also shouldn't upset justice.

We have seen charges brought against officers in certain cities, but more would be brought if there were independent prosecutions.

CONGRATULATING PRINCIPAL STEVE HOPE, 2015 INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Principal Steve Hope of Penn High School in Mishawaka for earning the 2015 Indiana High School Principal of the Year Award by the Indiana Association of School Principals.

For nearly 20 years Principal Hope has been more than just a teacher. He has been a mentor, support system, and friend to countless people.

His passion for education has been instrumental in preparing young Hoosiers for so much success later in life. Since he became the principal in 2008, Indiana's Department of Education has named Penn an A-rated school and a 4-Star Award winner.

He has taught students more than just curriculum. He has taught students life lessons they will remember forever.

On behalf of the people of the Second Congressional District of Indiana, I

heartily want to thank Principal Hope for being an inspiration to students and teachers alike. His dedication to providing a quality education to each Hoosier that crosses his path is such an inspiration to all of us in Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Penn High School Principal Steve Hope on receiving this prestigious award.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOUTH PARK HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, last Friday my alma mater, South Park High School, made history as their football team, the Sparks, brought home the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championship to Buffalo.

The Sparks played in front of a crowd of 3,000 at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. The team capped off a record-breaking 12-1 season by defeating Our Lady of Lourdes by a score of 49-46.

The team's win was a storybook ending to a historic season. Most members of the team have been playing together since Little League, and this close-knit group became the first ever Buffalo City School to win a State championship.

I stand today as a proud South Park graduate to congratulate the team, coaches, parents, and Principal Terri Schuta, my friend and classmate, for claiming the State title for Buffalo and South Park High School.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TIMID RESPONSE TO ISIS

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is so disappointing that President Obama believes a climate change summit is somehow a rebuke of international terrorism. Think about that.

The President's timid response about how to take on ISIS and how to define our enemy has emboldened our enemy, radical Islamists extremists.

But he has not been timid in his response on global warming. At a meeting of world leaders right now in Paris, President Obama is choosing to pursue his climate change agenda instead of addressing how we are going to destroy ISIS.

In fact, our President seems to believe that global warming is a greater threat than international terrorism. It is clear, in the wake of the horrific attacks in Paris, that his priorities are gravely misplaced.

When discussing ISIS, the President reminded the Nation that "we've faced greater threats to our way of life before." True. But that doesn't change the fact that radical Islamic extremism is the threat we face now.